

Call for Papers

VET Research - Reception, Translation, Transfer

What interactions unfold between VET research, science, policy and practice?

The Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB) is planning to publish an edited volume on the reception, translation and transfer of VET research findings in VET practice, VET policy and VET research itself.

The volume aims to explore the impact of VET research through its research findings. Four perspectives are taken into account:

1. What effect does VET research have on practice? Contributions can in particular address the question of which research findings have had an influence on VET practice and led to concrete change. Of interest are also effects in the opposite direction: How have ideas from practice stimulated and influenced research projects?
2. What impact does VET research have on policy? Of interest here are contributions that describe how research findings have been translated into policy action. As in 1., the opposite perspective is also of interest, which can refer to the steering of VET research by policy.
3. Also, the impact of VET research on itself should be addressed. Contributions that deal with the reception of research results in research are of particular relevance. In this area, contributions might discuss specific discourses in VET research and how these are influenced by research results. This might also involve analyses of the changing ways research results are published and disseminating
4. Finally, contributions can be submitted that address the interdependencies of VET research, policy and practice and deal with effective transfer structures and mechanisms.

Formal aspects of the proposed edited volume

The editors of the volume are Prof. Dr Hubert Ertl (BIBB Research Director and Permanent Representative of the President), Dr Sandra Liebscher (Head of the Research Coordination Unit at BIBB) and Dr Bodo Rödel (Head of the Publications and Scientific Information Services Unit at BIBB).

All contributions will be reviewed by the editors of the volume and carefully proof-read by BIBB's editorial team.

The anthology will be published in the series "BIBB Research Reports" and will be available for free download under the Creative Commons licence CC BY-SA. Authors assign a simple right of use to BIBB for this purpose. BIBB will bear all costs incurred for the production of the volume. The printed version of the volume can be purchased from a media service provider. Each author receives a complimentary print copy.

The contributions must adhere to scientific standards; however, a variety of empirical and analytical methods is explicitly desired. Under perspective 1, it is also possible to submit practice reports that refer to the topic of the volume. Well-founded theoretical or methodological contributions are also possible.

Submission procedure

The first step is to submit a synopsis of the contribution as a Word or PDF file of no more than one A4 page. This must be structured as follows:

- Name, first name, e-mail, telephone number, institution
- Description of the methodological approach
- Assignment to one of the above-mentioned four perspectives of the volume
- Summary of the contents and findings

Send the synopsis by e-mail to roedel@bibb.de - the deadline for submission is 31.12.2023.

By 31.02.2024 you will receive feedback from the editors on your abstract and thus an acceptance or rejection.

In the case of an acceptance, the finished paper must be submitted by 01.08.2024. Finalised contributions should have a length of between 18,000-25,000 characters including spaces, excluding the bibliography. Detailed formal requirements will be communicated with the acceptance.

There will be a review by the editors with appropriate feedback. This should be completed within three weeks. This will be followed by a proof-read by BIBB's editorial team, which should be completed within 14 days.

The volume will be published in the first quarter of 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Bodo Rödel.